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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTIONCommissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA

Dear Sir:

This responds to the Office Action dated February 7, 2007, persisting in the Section 101 rejection by rejecting Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being non-statutory and levying new rejections against Claims 1-9, which have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Blaszcak et al., USPP 2004/0186915 (hereinafter "ref a") in view of Yamamoto et al., USPN 6,311,151 (hereinafter "ref b").

Section 101 Rejection

Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being non-statutory. Specifically, the examiner alleges that Claim 1, despite producing a GUI that is displayable on a computer monitor and used to configure a data pipeline, which the first paragraph of the background makes clear is useful for, e.g., continuously processing data in large scale manufacturing processes, grocery store sales, and the like, nonetheless lacks a

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